

NEWMARKET  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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REPORT  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health.

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For the Year 1937.

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Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of  
Newmarket, in the County of West Suffolk, for the year  
ending 31st December 1937.

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Public Health Offices,  
Westgate House,  
Westgate Street,  
Bury St Edmund's

May, 1938.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Newmarket.

Mr Chairman, Mrs Boccock and Gentlemen,


Herewith I beg to  
submit for your favourable consideration my Report as  
Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December  
1937.

I am, Mr Chairman, Mrs Boccock and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBT. H. CLAYTON

Medical Officer of Health.



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Medical Officer of Health.ROBERT HOGG CLAYTON M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

also Medical Officer of Health of the  
Mildenhall, Thingoe and Cosford  
Rural Districts and  
Senior Assistant County Medical Officer of Health  
of West Suffolk

Sanitary Inspector.FRANK BARRINGTON WATERFALL Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.,

also Assistant Surveyor.

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STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA.1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	...	...	5640 acres
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population, mid-1937		...	9330
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Book		...	2795
Rateable Value	...	...	£72,018
Sum represented by a penny rate		...	£268

The breeding and training of racehorses furnishes the industry of the town.

The average number of unemployed men and women throughout 1937 was 120. In race-weeks however, many of these persons are able to find temporary work and at such times unemployment of adults is almost negligible.

There is little scope in the Town for employment of girls.





2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>		
<u>LIVE</u> (Legitimate	98.	52	46	) Birth rate per 1000 of the	
<u>BIRTHS</u> (Illegitimate	8.	3	5	) estimated resident	
				population	... 11.4
<u>STILL-BIRTHS</u>	2	1	1	Rate per 1000 total	
				(live & still) births	18.5
<u>DEATHS</u>	107.	52	55	Death Rate per 1000 of	
				the estimated resident	
				population :-	
				<u>Crude</u>	11.5
				<u>Corrected</u>	10.1

DEATHS from PUERPERAL CAUSES (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's short list) :-

		<u>Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births.</u>
No 29. Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
No 30. Other puerperal causes	Nil	Nil

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS under one year of age :-

All infants per 1000 live births	...	28.3
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births		30.6
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births		0.0
<u>DEATHS FROM</u> :- <u>CANCER</u> (all ages)	...	21

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)



CAUSES OF DEATHS	Deaths at the subjoined ages of 'Residents' whether occurring in or beyond district.							
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	<div>Registrar General's Figures</div> <div>Total</div>
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Paralysis of the Insane &c	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cancer	-	-	-	-	1	8	12	21
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	7	27	34
Aneurysm	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	5
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Puerperal Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Debility, Premature Births etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Senility	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other violence	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Other defined Diseases	-	1	-	1	3	3	2	10
Causes ill-defined or unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	2	-	3	7	28	64	107



F E M A L E S .  
CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Deaths at the subjoined ages  
of FEMALE RESIDENTS whether  
occurring on or beyond  
district.

								Registrar General's Figures	
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diphtheria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Influenza	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Syphilis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
General Paralysis of the Insane &c	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cancer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diabetes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Heart Disease	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aneurysm	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bronchitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Appendicitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Diseases of Liver	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Puerperal Causes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Congenital Debility, Premature Births, etc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Senility	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Suicide	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other violence	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Defined Diseases	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	1	1	-	2	2	11	38	55	55





## M A L E S .

CAUSES OF DEATHS.Deaths at the subjoined ages  
of MALE RESIDENTS whether  
occurring in or beyond  
district.

								Registrar General's Figures.
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	<u>Total</u>
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Paralysis of the Insane & Cancer	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	12
Aneurysm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Circulatory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Puerperal Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Debility, Premature Births, etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Senility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other violence	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Other Defined Diseases	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	6
Causes ill-defined or unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	-	1	5	17	26	52





A study of the foregoing death tables shows that there is a close similarity between the number and causes of, and ages at, death as compared with the table given last year. These tables, as in the previous year, may be taken to indicate a favourable condition.

The number of live births in the district was 106, the same figure as last year. It is gratifying to record that no mother lost her life during child-birth. The fact, however, that there were no maternal deaths does not necessarily indicate that there is a perfect maternity system because throughout the country only one mother dies for every 250 births and it must be remembered that this includes all women who bear children irrespective of physical handicaps or diseases from which they may be suffering.

The Council are anxious to see further provision of nursing home accommodation for maternity cases and to this end they will explore the possibility of using a house which has been offered to them.

#### CANCER.

The number of deaths from cancer rose this year to 21 from 14 in 1936. This excess of 7 comprised 6 in the digestive system and 1 sarcoma.

The following table indicates the site of the growths and the age and sex of the persons:-

		MALES		FEMALES	
<u>Site of growth.</u>	<u>No. of deaths.</u>	<u>Ages (Years)</u>		<u>No. of deaths.</u>	<u>Ages (Years)</u>
Digestive Tract	8	79, 78, 73, 65, 65, 64, 57, 55.		6	83, 78, 75, 74, 49, 44.
Respiratory	2	66, 63.		-	
Sarcoma	1	53.		-	
Breast	-			2	75, 57.
Genito-urinary	-			2	65, 58.



GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for the AREA.

Laboratory Facilities.

As last year the Bacteriologist and Public Analyst have been, respectively:-

H.M.Cade Esqr., East Suffolk County Laboratory, Ipswich

S.Greenburgh Esqr., Tennyson Road, Cambridge.

Ambulance Facilities.

Newmarket Rural District Council, to whose hospital our infectious diseases cases are admitted, provide an infectious diseases ambulance.

The British Red Cross Society maintain an ambulance for non-infectious and accident cases at Heath Garage High Street, Newmarket.

Nursing in the Home.

The district is very well served in this respect by the voluntary District Nursing Associations and two private nurses. The Matron of the Nurses Home at Cardigan Street is Miss Hulbert and she is assisted by Nurse Coote and Assistant-nurse Murphy. Miss Hatherly of St Mary's School House, Fitzroy Street, Newmarket is the district nurse for All Saints and St Mary's Wards whilst Miss Mayes of Chapel Street Exning is the district nurse for the Exning Ward.

Miss Price and Miss Edwards, who are nurses at the private nursing home, 2 St Mary's Terrace, Fitzroy Street, also undertake nursing in the home for private patients.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

There has been no change in these Clinics or Centres. The County Council still conduct Clinics in the Town for School Children, Maternity work, Tuberculosis and



Venereal diseases whilst an Orthopaedic Clinic, under the auspices of Addenbrookes Hospital, is held once a month in the Drill Hall.

### Hospitals.

#### Isolation Hospital.

The ten beds which the Council hold by a definite agreement in the Newmarket Rural District Council's Isolation Hospital have more than adequately coped with the Infectious Diseases which have arisen in our area during 1937.

#### General Hospitals.

There has been no marked change in the general Hospital provision for the district during the year.

The Rous Memorial Hospital (18 beds) together with the County Council's Public Assistance Committee Hospital (140 beds) in our town serve for general cases. The latter admits some accident and maternity cases.

The Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge is much used by our inhabitants.





1(i) WATER.

The water supply throughout the Urban District (with the exception of a few private wells) has been controlled for many years by the Newmarket Waterworks Company Ltd. The water is obtained from wells sunk in the chalk at Southfields Farm, which is more than a mile from the Town and is pumped to a storage reservoir situated on high ground on the southern side of the Moulton Road from whence it gravitates to the Town.

In addition to the sample taken by the Council, the analysis of which is given below and shows a satisfactory supply, frequent bacteriological examinations are obtained by the Company who kindly place the results at the disposal of the Medical Officer of Health. The Company keep in their offices up-to-date maps, to which we are able to refer showing the distribution of their mains and services.

The analysis of the sample referred to above is as follows:-

Physical characters	-	Good
Reaction	-	P.H. 7.5

<u>The sample contained</u>		<u>Parts per 100,000</u>
Total solid matter	...	44.4
Chlorine	...	2.0
Ammonia (Free and Saline)	...	0.0004
Ammonia (albuminoid)	...	0.001
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours @ 37° C		0.0262
Nitrates (expressed as Nitrogen)		0.55
Nitrites	...	absent
Poisonous metals	...	absent

Bacteriological Examination.

Coliforms organisms absent in 100 ml	
Number of micro-organisms per ml	
developing on Agar @ 37° C	...
Number of micro-organisms per ml	
developing on Agar @ 21° C	...
	Nil
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Microscopical Examination for Deposit.

Total hardness	...	16.96 degrees (English)
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Inference The results obtained on the analysis of this sample do not show any evidences of pollution with harmful organic or inorganic matter. I am of opinion that this water is fit for drinking purposes.

(Signed)

S. GREENBURGH

Public Analyst.





There have been no important extensions of sewers during the year.

The new percolating filter at the Newmarket Sewage Disposal Works has worked satisfactorily since its completion in the early part of the year. Alterations have also been carried out to the sedimentation tanks which have abolished any tendency of the sewage to become septic.

At the Exning Sewage Disposal Works, matters are proceeding as in previous years.

150,800 gallons of crude gas liquor were carted by the Newmarket Gas Company to the Sewage Disposal Works and disposed of by spreading over land forming old stone pits. This method prevents the risk of stream pollution and damage to the Sewage Disposal Works Plant.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No complaints as to pollution of rivers or streams have arisen during the course of the year and no action to check pollution has been necessary.

3.(i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Conversions from conservancy systems - Nil.

Save for a few isolated cases on the periphery of the area, all the houses and premises in the district are served by closets on the water carriage system.

Whenever possible during the year, owners have been advised to replace with modern wash-down-type pedestal closets the existing hopper-type water closets.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As in previous years Public Cleansing has been carried out by direct labour under the control of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, W.H.Eley Esqr., Assoc.M.Inst.C.E.



3588 loads of house refuse were collected in horse-drawn vehicles during 1937. These were destroyed in the 3-cell Manlove-Alliott Destructor. 362 loads of trade refuse and 965 bags of corn dust also were destroyed at the Destructor.

The policy of the Council in renewing each year one of their dust collecting vehicles with one of more improved sanitary construction was continued.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

As formerly, Mr F.B.Waterfall, our Sanitary Inspector has furnished the following tabular statement.

I wish to take this opportunity to record again my personal indebtedness to Mr Waterfall for the willing services which he has given at all times.

(a) Total number of dwellinghouse inspections made under the various Acts	...	193
(b) Total number of re-inspections	...	84
(c) Number of houses inspected after infectious diseases	...	8

Drain tests and inspections.

New drain tests and inspections	...	68
Inspections in connection with choked drains		25

Various inspections.

Slaughterhouses	...	140
Visits in connection with reported nuisances		182
Food shops, market stalls, etc.	...	216
Bakehouses	...	16
Workshops	...	19
Cowsheds	...	18
Dairies	...	7
Common Lodging Houses	...	12
School inspections	...	12
Tents, vans and sheds	...	6
Swimming baths	...	5
Shops	...	96

<u>Total number of inspections in the district</u>	-	<u>1,107</u>
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Number of informal notices served during 1937	124
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Number of Statutory notices served during 1937	2
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All notices had been or were being complied with at the end of the year.



The following is a classified list of the defects and nuisances dealt with during the year:-

Roofs repaired	...	16
Defective walls and ceilings repaired		26
Chimneys repaired	...	18
Windows repaired	...	7
Rain water pipes repaired and renewed		8
Defective W.C. pedestals renewed and repaired		9
New dustbins installed	...	62
Insanitary houses cleansed	...	3
Drain stoppages	...	12
Sinks installed	...	11
Stoves repaired	...	9
Floors repaired	...	9
Sink wastes repaired	...	2
<u>Total</u>		<u>192</u>

(iv) SHOPS.

A survey of the 138 shops in the district revealed that in 86 assistants were employed. The requirements of the Shops Act 1934 regarding Temperature, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences were brought to the notice of shopkeepers employing assistants. 5 new sanitary conveniences were installed and in three cases the Council gave certificates of exemption.

(v) FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

In the following tables are summarised the number of inspections made of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces in the district, the defects found therein and action taken.

	--	Number of	--
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
Factories	1	-	-
Workshops	16	5	-
Workplaces	-	-	-
Totals	17	5	-





<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number of defects.</u>	
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
<u>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts</u>		
Want of cleanliness	3	3
Want of ventilation	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-
Want of drainage of floors	-	-
Other nuisances	-	-
(insufficient	2	2
(unsuitable or	-	-
Sanitary accommodation (defective	-	-
(not separate for	-	-
(sexes	-	-
<u>Offences under the Factory &amp; Workshop Acts</u>	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There has been no evidence of smoke nuisance in the area throughout the year.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Two privately owned public swimming baths exist in the area. The water for the modern open air bath is obtained from the public supply and is filtered, heated and chlorinated by special plant. Frequent visits have been made and it has been ascertained that due regard is paid to the care of towels and costumes and sanitary conveniences. Analyses of water samples taken from this bath have shown that the chlorination plant has been worked efficiently.

The older bath derives its water supply from a nearby well. No chlorination plant is provided at this bath but the water is changed as often as is considered necessary.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

One Council house and two other houses were found to be infested with bed bugs and all three houses were disinfested.

The method employed was as follows:-

In all infested rooms 'Zaldecide' was freely sprayed, wallpapers (if any) stripped, sprayed and burned;





architraves, skirting boards, picture rails, etc. were then<sup>16</sup> loosened from the walls and the whole rooms again thoroughly sprayed with 'Zaldecide'.

The belongings of tenants intended to be removed to Council houses are inspected in order to ensure that they were free from vermin.

Periodical visits are paid to occupied council houses in order to ensure that the tenants keep them in a satisfactory condition and free from infestation.

All work of disinfestation has been carried out by the Council's workmen under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

#### 4. SCHOOLS.

The five elementary schools and one secondary school in the area have been inspected.

Six modern wash-down water closets have been constructed at St Mary's Infants School to replace obsolete and defective trough closets.

The County Education Authority are well aware of the sanitary arrangements in the remaining schools and have endeavoured to make reasonable provision until such time as their proposed new central school becomes available.

It was deemed necessary to close All Saints Infants School for two weeks in January owing to the prevalence of whooping cough.



# H O U S I N G .

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1.(1)(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	151
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	208
(2)(a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	10
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	26
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	47
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.</u>	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	68
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year.</u>	
(a)	<u>Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(a)	By Owners ...	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	78
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :-	
(a)	By Owners ...	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(c)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	3
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	Nil
(d)	<u>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.</u>	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ...	Nil



4. Housing Act 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding. 18

(a)(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	19
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein		19
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein		123
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	Nil
(c)(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	8
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases		46
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding		Nil
(e) Comment was made in my last Annual Report on the difficulty in acquiring sites at a reasonable cost consequent on all available land being used for the racehorse industry.		

Approach has been made to the Allotments Association in an effort to solve this problem.

There is still an acute shortage of builders' workmen for the building of Council houses in the district mainly due to the Government's Aerodrome building programme near our locality.

Clearance Orders were confirmed during the year on 54 houses. A suitable tender was accepted and the building of 30 houses commenced so that more than half these 54 families should be re-housed in the first half of 1938.

The re-housing of the remaining tenants to be displaced is delayed because it became necessary for the Minister of Health, owing to excessive cost, to refuse sanction to accept the lowest available tender for building a further 27 houses.





INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

The greater proportion of the Town's milk supply is obtained from the surrounding Rural Districts, from whence it is brought in bulk or bottle to the Dullingham, Stetchworth and Co-operative Society's dairies in the town for distribution.

There are four Milk Producers in the Urban District. Their cowsheds and dairies have been clean and well-conducted throughout the year.

Milk sold under Special Designations is obtainable in the Town.

In addition to the samples of milk taken by the County Council from producers under the Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936, three samples of milk were taken during the year for Bacteriological Count and all were reported as being satisfactory. In addition, sediment tests are performed as a routine at each inspection of cowsheds.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are three private slaughter-houses in the district. The Cattle Market is visited regularly and the live cattle inspected

Diseased Meat Surrendered.

Pigs' heads	...	23
" mesenteries	...	20
" livers	...	9
" lungs	...	4
Beast's head	...	1
" mesentery	...	1





	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	82	-	10	404	992
Number inspected	43	-	6	253	518
<u>(All diseases except Tuberculosis.)</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	2	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.8%	3.4%
<u>(Tuberculosis only.)</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	52
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.6%	-	-	-	10.0%

(c) ADULTERATION ETC.

The County Council's Inspector of Food and Drugs carries out the duties in connection with the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Acts.

(d) CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

Dr S.Greenburgh, Public Analyst of Cambridge and Dr H.M.Cade, County Laboratory, Ipswich are available for this work but have not been called upon by us during the year.

(e) NUTRITION.

No special work has been undertaken.

(f) SHELL-FISH (Molluscan).

No beds exist in the district. Retailers of shell-fish and the sources of their supply are as follows:-



<u>Retailer</u>	<u>Shell-fish</u>	<u>Source of supply.</u>	21
Whipps & Co	Crabs	Sheringham, Scarborough & Grimsby	
	Shrimps	Felixstowe	
	Lobsters	Billingsgate Market, Grimsby, Scarborough & Plymouth	
	Mussels )		
	Cockles )		
	Winkles )	Kings Lynn	
	Whelks )		
	Oysters	Billingsgate Market	
Drackett & Co	Crabs	Kings Lynn, Yarmouth & Grimsby	
	Lobsters	Billingsgate Market, Grimsby Scarborough & Plymouth	
	Mussels )		
	Cockles )		
	Winkles )	Kings Lynn	
	Whelks )		
	Oysters	Whitstable	

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following table shows that no serious outbreak of Infectious Disease occurred during the year.

ALL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1937.

<u>DISEASE.</u>	Total cases notified.	-1,	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-	-	2	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	-	8	-
Diphtheria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	2
Peripneumonia Neonatorum	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Poliomyelitis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
<u>Totals.</u>	22	1	-	1	2	-	1	9	2	-	2	1	3	18	4

No immunisation is attempted in the County.



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T U B E R C U L O S I S .

New cases and mortality during 1937.

<u>Age periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
5 - 15	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Totals</u>	6	3	2	4	2	-	-	-







